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Application No. : 10/053,931
Applicant : Dana Mears et al.
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A
MINIMALLY INVASIVE TOTAL HIP ARTHROPLASTY

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2), Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks to withdraw from issue the above-entitled application so that the supplemental declaration filed herewith can be submitted in this matter. The concurrently filed supplemental declaration corrects a deficiency in the declaration previously filed in this matter. Specifically, a copy of a declaration filed in the parent case was erroneously filed in this continuation-in-part patent application. While the inventorship of this application has not changed from the parent application, because the present application is a continuation-in-part, a new declaration must be submitted. Therefore, Applicants petition to withdraw this patent from issue so that the supplemental declaration filed concurrently herewith may be submitted in this matter.

Concurrently herewith, Applicants are filing the supplemental declaration referred to above together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

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Respectfully submitted,

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